THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Names of the stations are given in the Annexure.

[*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 31]

(b) The details of number of wagons demanded and supplied at all stations of S.C. Railway taken together (in terms of 4-wheelers) are as under:

Year	Wagons demanded		Wagons supplied and loaded	
	B.G.	M.G.	B.G.	M.G.
1997-98	1832730	12275	1832665	12045
1998-99	1796047	9548	1795800	9490
1999-2000 (till Jan. 2000)	1763195	9828	1762560	7956

(c) There was no shortfall in supply of wagon at Srikakulam Road. At Vizianagaram also (as on 20.2.2000) pending indents were for 18 (4-wheeler wagons i.e. 7BCX eight wheeler wagons). Piecemeal wagons which will be cleared by directional rake on receipt of further indent required for formation of full rake.

(d) Every effort is being made to meet the demand for wagons.

Agreement with Gujarat Pipavav Port Ltd. for B.G. Link

1021. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government entered into an agreement with Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited for a broad gauge link to the port;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how funding of the new model of public private partnership project would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with M/s. Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited for forming an SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) for Gauge Conversion of Surendranagar—Pipavav and a New Line extension to Pipavav Port. The SPV shall undertake the proposed project of implementing the Broad Gauge rail connectivity between Surendranagar and the Port of Pipavav. Tentative project cost is Rs. 270 Crores. (Rs. Two hundred & seventy Crores). Any cost over-run, over and above the project cost of Rs. 270 Crores, shall be on account of the SPV.

The project shall be funded in the following pattern:

66 2/3% of the Project Cost shall be funded through Equity.

33 1/3% of the Project Cost shall be funded through Debt.

Equity holding pattern:

(i) Ministry of Railways & its PSUs	:	50%
(ii) Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited & others	:	50%

The amount already spent by the Indian Railways on the proposed Broad Gauge Rail connectivity will be reckoned towards the equity contribution of Ministry of Railways.

Introduction of DMU train services in Gujarat

1022. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two new DMU train services on Anand-Khambat and Mahesana-Taranga Hill in Gujarat would be introduced in this financial year, as announced by the Railway Minister during presentation of last Railway Budget; and

(b) if so, when the train services would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three pairs of DMU trains between Mahesana and Taranga Hill (MG) have been introduced w.e.f. 8.7.1999.